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JAMES T. CHILES, of No. 14, announces this week as a candidate for Sheriff of Obion County. Jim Chiles is one of the best known, big-hearted men in the County. He is also a man of courage and character, and would, no doubt, make an ideal officer. He has always been a Democrat, voting the ticket in and out of season, and respectfully asks your suffrage subject to the action of the Democratic party.

WILL RECOVER.

Condition of the President Much Improved.

BUFFALO, Sept. 12.—The condition of the President continues favorable and nothing has occurred to shake the faith of the attending surgeons and physicians that he will recover. The danger from two sources was pronounced practically over to-day. The holes in the stomach proper, caused by the perforation of the bullet, are now considered healed by Dr. McBurney and his associates, and the eminent surgeon pointed to the fact that the beef juice was readily digested, as proof of this. Sufficient time has also elapsed to warrant the doctors in asserting that the danger of inflammation where the bullet lodged has disappeared. It is believed that the ball has now become encysted in the muscles of the back, and unless its location should prove troublesome later on there will never be any necessity for removing it. Dr. Mann, in speaking in regard to this to-day, said he knew a man who lived for years with a bullet in the muscles of his heart.

The attention of the physicians is now, therefore, mainly directed to the care and treatment of the wound caused by the incision made in the abdomen above the navel, where the operation was performed. This wound is progressing satisfactorily.

Another mile stone was passed on the road to recovery was the discontinuance to-day by the doctors of the figures showing respiratory variations in their official bulletins, as the President now breathes deeply and normally.

Trunk Manufacture.

St. Louis, the great manufacturing shoe mart, the largest drug market in the world and the center of tobacco manufacture, has another enterprise, recently developed, said a Brooklyn dealer, into the largest trunk factory and warehouse in the United States. This mammoth new concern is owned and operated by the Hawley-Murphy Trunk Company, whose business office and sample rooms occupy one of the buildings opposite the Lindell Hotel, on Washington avenue.

As many of the readers know, the company was organized largely with Union City capital. Last week a reporter of The Commercial, after picking his teeth at the Lindell, dropped in at the office to see Dr. C. W. Miles and William and James K. Murphy, who are respectively treasurer, vice-president and first bookkeeper. In this well-conducted and up-to-date business office and salesroom are the samples of all the Hawley-Murphy styles, from the cheapest to the finest leather-bound trunk, including new designs and patterns of their own make.

While chatting with these gentlemen we were offered the pleasure of a visit to the factory. This structure is located on the corner of Sixteenth and Walnut streets. It is eight stories in height, with a floor space of 96,000 square feet. The walls are of pressed brick, and the building is one of the best-equipped factories in St. Louis.

Beginning at the top floor, we were conducted through every department. Here we saw the floor space covered with the cheap grades, where the apprentice was allowed to do his first job. Descending from floor to floor, we saw trunks in all the stages of manufacture, from the crude box as it came from the saw room in the basement to the finished product, lined, bound and trimmed. On each floor was deposited a separate class of goods, increasing in quality, style and finish toward the lower floor. There were the company's special styles and new arrangement of trays and suit boxes. In some of the finer grades a silk-lined department is provided, silk lined and braced to hold the hat in position. Among these were

the fibre and leather-bound modern shapes, including the popular steamer trunk, lined with pure Irish linen and handsomely trimmed.

Five o'clock brought the operators to the treasurer's office, and the reporter saw the distribution of the weekly salaries of the men on the pay-roll.

The volume of shipments for the past three months aggregates \$5,000 a month, besides a large local business in the city, with some individual orders of \$1,000 each. This represents an output of about 200 or 300 dozen trunks a week.

We are greatly indebted to Dr. Miles and the Murphy brothers for the kindness shown us.

T. B. Greer & Co. can and will save you money on wall paper, furniture and coffins.

CIRCUIT COURT.

The State versus—
Belle Carter, murder; continued by consent.

Lee Patterson, felonious assault; nolle prosequi.

Junius Caldwell, murder, continued on affidavit of defendant.

John Hall, felonious assault; defendant and his sureties, J. W. Clayton and W. T. Corum called out. Forfeiture \$1,000.

John Henry Lennox, carrying pistol; continued on affidavit of Attorney-General.

Barger Stanley, murder; nolle prosequi.

Boo Dickens, c. p., nolle pros.

W. H. Carroll, c. p., death of defendant suggested and admitted.

Smith Kirby, c. b. k.; nolle pros. on defendant securing cost.

Alex Wells, assault and battery; nolle pros.

J. D. Scheidler, obstructing public road; continued.

Thos. Robertson, assault to rape; defendant pleads guilty of assault and battery, fined twenty-five dollars.

Gather Nailling, felonious assault; nolle pros.; new indictment returned by the Grand Jury.

R. M. Walker, obstructing public road; nolle pros.

Harrison Fields and Harris, Fields, obstructing public road; verdict—Harrison Fields guilty, Harris Fields not guilty—fined five dollars. Motion for new trial.

Bennett Pinson, selling pistol; guilty—fined five dollars.

Kyle Baker, verdict not guilty. Will Sammons; dropped.

Emil Harpole, carrying pistol; plead guilty—fined fifty dollars.

Jim Childress, murder; dropped. Wash Woods, larceny; dropped.

Dolphus Gaines, disturbing public worship; dropped.

Gack Shafter and Jess Young, jacking; guilty—new trial granted.

A. Domingus, selling liquor to minors; not guilty.

Connie Sebastian, assault and battery; alias capias.

R. H. Cheatham, assault and battery; defendant submits, fined fifty dollars.

Lewis Thomas, carrying pistol; guilty—fined fifty dollars.

Tod Thomas, carrying pistol;—fined fifty dollars.

Wesley Hagler, c. p.; guilty—fined fifty dollars.

Frank Murphy, c. p., nolle pros. on defendant securing costs.

Jonas Harper, c. b. k., guilty; fined fifty dollars.

Wm. Gaskins, c. p.; fined fifty dollars.

Wesley Hagler, felonious assault; verdict not guilty.

CIVIL DOCKET.

The case of J. H. Rouillac vs. J. M. Harris—will contest—was decided for the plaintiff and the will established.

A. P. Lunsford, admr., of K. W. Lunsford, vs. I. C. railroad; compromise judgment for \$25.

R. W. Rainey vs. W. J. Ross and son; judgment for plaintiff for \$43.44.

Kellar vs. I. C. railroad, judgment for one cent.

J. T. Williams vs. I. C. railroad; compromise judgment for \$35.

Hagan Mantel & Co. vs. First National Bank of Union City, costs attached to plaintiff.

Pearl Cochran vs. Willis Cochran; decree for divorce.

J. F. Hendrix vs. Clara Hendrix; decree for divorce.

Katie Baskins vs. Walter Baskins; decree for divorce.

Fine candies at Pearl Cafe.

Muse-Matthai.

Quite a surprise to her friends will be the announcement of the marriage of Miss Kate Matthai, of this city, and Mr. William D. Muse, of Estill Springs. Miss Matthai has been spending the summer at Estill Springs and while there met Mr. Muse, and on the day she was expected home they were married. The only attendants were Miss Daisy Booth and Mr. Hudgins.

Miss Matthai by her charming manner, has won a host of friends. Mr. Muse is a popular druggist of Estill Springs. They will reside at Estill Springs.—Nashville Banner.

Programme

For reunion of Warren McDonald Bivouac, U. C. V., together with Sons and Daughters of the Confederacy to be held at Kenton, Tenn., October 4 and 5, 1901:

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 4.

Music.

9.30. Invocation by Chaplain F. M. McRee.

Song—Chorus by audience.

10.00. Address of welcome by Rev. Welbourne Mooney.

11.00. Response—Hon. Alex. N. Moore for the U. C. V.

Response—Prof. A. L. Parrish for S. of V.

Response—D. of the C. Music.

12.00. Dinner.

Music.

1.00. Speech by Hon. John M. Taylor, of Lexington.

Music.

2.30. Speech by Rev. G. T. Stainback, D. D., of Dyersburg.

Music.

Benediction.

7.00. Entertainment at the opera house under the supervision of Prof. W. H. Cook and Mrs. F. M. Trevathan.

SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 5.

9.00. Music.

Prayer by Rev. J. L. Dickens, D. D.

9.30. Speech by Hon. Joe H. Fuzell, of Columbia, Tenn.

Music.

10.30. Speech by Hon. Andrew Jackson Lawson, of Tennessee.

11.00. Toasts by Veterans, Sons of Veterans and Daughters of the Confederacy. Toastmaster R. L. Bynum.

Music and Dinner.

2.00. Business meeting of Warren McDonald Bivouac.

H. J. FULLERTON, Chair.

J. W. HOWELL, Sec.

Attention, members of Warren McDonald Bivouac—The annual dues must be paid at the time of our annual reunion at Kenton. Please be prompt in making your payments. H. M. MOFFETT, Adj.

Save your dollars by going to T. B. Greer & Co.'s for furniture and coffins.

Fresh oysters, the first of the season, at the Pearl Cafe.

DEATH RECORD.

J. B. MAXWELL.

News of the death of J. B. Maxwell, which occurred at his home near Troy, last Thursday night, spread like a pall over the entire county. Esq. Maxwell was in Union City Tuesday appearing to his friends to enjoy his usual good health. On Wednesday he was seen in Troy and mentioned the fact that he was feeling a little unwell. On Thursday, however, he was taken violently with congestion and died at 9 o'clock at night amidst his family and friends.

John B. Maxwell was born about 50 years ago in Henry County. He came to Troy when quite a young man and soon afterwards embarked in the newspaper business with his uncle, S. M. Howard, an attorney. The writer remembers the Troy Times, a newspaper which would compare favorably with the best weeklies of to-day, both in typographical appearance and the quality of its editorial and news matter. Mr. Maxwell was quick and accurate in all his work, having been connected in a clerical way nearly all his life with the courts and business enterprises in Troy.

A son of one of the best families in Henry County, he soon became recognized in Troy as a young man of social distinction, and at the age of 25 or 26 years won the heart and hand of one of the county's charming and accomplished young ladies, Miss Frances Bonnie, daughter of Maj. J. G. Smith. Of this happy union were born seven children, six of whom are living. He also leaves a sister, Mrs. Clark in Iowa, and two brothers—H. M. Maxwell, of Tacoma, Wash., who will be remembered as a Hickman merchant for a number of years, and S. Maxwell, who is a prominent railroad official in the West.

John Maxwell was a man of warm, congenial nature and a fast friend. His sense of honor was one of his highest characteristics. These combined with his native ability led to his selection at the last regular election as one of the county justices from the sixth district, and his popularity and efficiency were soon established. He was also a Christian and a member of the A. R. P. Church.

His remains were escorted by the family and a large concourse of friends to the church in Troy. The pastor, Rev. T. P. Pressly, conducted the funeral services, after which the burial took place.

CHARLES E. MCCONNELL.

After an illness covering a period of about five years, and an acute attack of three weeks, the death of Chas. E. McConnell took place last Wednesday morning at 7 o'clock at

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR ATTORNEY-GENERAL.
D. J. CALDWELL.
We are authorized to announce the name of Dock J. Caldwell as a candidate for Attorney-General of this judicial circuit, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

FOR COUNTY JUDGE.
H. C. ALEXANDER.
We are authorized to announce H. C. Alexander as a candidate for the office of County Judge of Obion County, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

A. J. LAWSON.
We have the authority to announce Andrew J. Lawson as a candidate for the office of County Judge of Obion County, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

A. N. MOORE.
We are authorized to announce Alex. N. Moore as a candidate for the office of County Judge of Obion County, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

T. J. OGLETHORPE.
We are authorized to announce T. J. Oglethorpe as a candidate for County Judge of Obion County, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

FOR COUNTY COURT CLERK.
MARRY BELL.
We have the authority to announce Mary Bell as a candidate for County Court Clerk of Obion County, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

F. HOWARD.
We are authorized to announce F. Howard as a candidate for the office of County Court Clerk of Obion County, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

FOR SHERIFF.
J. T. CHILES.
We are authorized to announce James T. Chiles as a candidate for Sheriff of Obion County, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.
W. H. COOK.
We are authorized to announce W. H. Cook as a candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction of Obion County, to fill out the unexpired term of R. L. Bynum, resigned. Election first Monday in October by the County Court.

FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.
J. F. GREGORY.
We are authorized to announce J. F. Gregory as a candidate for Justice of the Peace of the 15th Civil District of Obion County, Election Saturday, September 14, 1901.

his home one and a half miles north of Jordan.

Mr. McConnell was 43 years of age, one of the well-known residents of a community reputed for refinement and culture and the industry that has marked its splendid progress. He was a man of lofty character, connected with many of the best citizens of the country.

Nineteen years ago in January Mr. McConnell was united in marriage to Miss Maggie Miles, daughter of Dr. Chas. Miles, Sr., and three children—two girls and a boy—were born to bless the home. Among these happy surroundings the health of the husband and father succumbed to a fatal illness, and his spirit finally called to rest. He leaves also two brothers, Dr. A. M. McConnell, of this city, and John McConnell, of Pierce City, Mo., and a sister, Mrs. Ben Bransford, whose home is in Union City.

During his illness Mr. McConnell, always a man of the highest sense of honor and the strictest integrity embraced the Christian faith and the hope of a blessed peace beyond.

Services were conducted by Rev. J. D. Hillard yesterday morning at Mt. Zion, after which the interment took place at the churchyard.

BARLOWE.

The little three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Barlowe died Sunday at the home of his parents in the northeastern part of the city. His death resulted from poisoning as the effect of swallowing some concentrated lye several weeks ago.

One bushel of wheat will buy a rocker at Greer & Co.'s big furniture and undertaking store.

Moss, the medicine man.

Real Estate Transfers.

J. A. Reeves to N. D. Logan, 130 acres in No. 10, \$7,500.

B. L. Lockhart and wife to D. A. Edwards, lot in No. 13, \$200.

G. R. Moss et al. to J. P. Adams, lot in No. 13, \$800.

Ona L. Brown to F. L. Grisham, lot in No. 14, \$300.

M. J. Hopper to Ella Bingham, 140 acres in No. 8, \$3,000.

D. F. Johnson and wife to J. M. Wilson, land in No. 10, \$30.

Martha D. Briggs to S. E. Briggs, lot in No. 13, \$500.

Luttee E. Little to E. B. Little, lot in No. 13, \$2,000.

Martha C. Jones to J. A. Healey, 404 acres in No. 2, \$1,223.75.

Paul S. Jones to J. A. Healey, 404 acres in No. 2, \$2,025.

R. W. Cashen et. ux. and wife, to Grisham, Steele & Co., lot in No. 5, \$1,200.

J. I. Alphin to M. L. Alphin, 4 of 125 acres in No. 8, \$1,100.

E. S. Hinds to J. D. Glisson, lot in No. 8, \$150.

When in need of coffins and burial robes go to T. B. Greer & Co.'s big furniture and coffin store.

Save 50 Reelfoot Tobacco Tags and get a good knife.

Ice cream and summer drinks at Pearl Cafe.

Special Rates to St. Louis.

St. Louis Exposition opens September 2, closes October 12, 1901. St. Louis Fair opens October 7, closes October 12, 1901.

The Veiled Prophet's procession occurs on October 8, 1901. On account of the fall festivities at St. Louis the Mobile & Ohio R. R. Co. will sell tickets to St. Louis, Mo., and return on the following conditions:

For the Exposition tickets will be on sale September 8, and on every Tuesday and Thursday thereafter, commencing September 10, to October 10, inclusive, with final limit five days (5) from date of sale, at the rate of one and one-third fare.

For the St. Louis Fair tickets will be on sale October 6 to 11, inclusive, with final limit October 14, 1901, at the rate of one fare.

R. C. GARTH, Agent.

THE WICKLIFFE Oil and Mining Company OF WICKLIFFE, KY.

Capital Stock, \$800,000, Divided into 800,000 Shares.

Incorporated under the Laws of Kentucky.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS.

GEO. S. HARDY, President. T. J. NEELY, First Vice-President.
J. E. WELLS, Second Vice-President. F. W. MOORE, Secretary.
CHAS. LINTHICUM, Asst. Secretary. M. R. PORTER, Treasurer.
Geo. S. Hardy, Jno. E. Wells, M. R. Porter, F. W. Moore,
C. J. Watson, T. J. Neely, E. B. Little, Chas. Linthicum.

One hundred thousand shares have been placed upon the market as treasury stock, now selling at 25 cents a share, and the entire amount authorized to be used in boring wells and developing fully the company's prospects.

PROSPECTUS.

The Town of Wickliffe, Ky.

WICKLIFFE, KY., was founded in 1880, twenty-one years ago, and is now a thriving, prosperous town of 1,611 inhabitants. It is the capital of Ballard County, and boasts as intelligent a class of people as can be found anywhere. The town has a National Bank, first-class schools, hotels and a diversity of mercantile and other businesses.

The shipping facilities of Wickliffe are excellent, it being on the Mississippi River, at the head of deep water navigation, six miles from Cairo, Ill., which is on the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers—thus giving access to the two largest waterways in the United States.

Besides its facilities for shipping by river, it has two great trunk lines of railroads, the Mobile & Ohio and the Illinois Central, which insure it the cheapest freight rates.

The town is surrounded by a fine farming country, corn, wheat and tobacco being the principal products of the soil.

Mineral Deposits.

The natural formation of the country around Wickliffe would indicate deposits of valuable minerals underlying the town and adjacent territory. But little attention has been paid to this hidden wealth until quite recently, though it is known that thirty years ago land was leased in the neighborhood of where Wickliffe now stands for the purpose of boring for oil. But no thorough investigation was ever made, and the earth might have held its riches within its bosom for years to come, but for an accident.

Oil and Gas Well.

Two years ago the Wickliffe Canning Company erected a factory in Wickliffe and began the canning of fruits and vegetables, it being a good point for that business. In June, 1900, a little more than a year ago, the company, needing water, dug an old-fashioned square well a few feet to the north and just in the rear of the plant. At the depth of thirty feet an unpleasant odor of gas was noticed issuing from the well, and, upon digging five feet deeper, water was struck so strongly impregnated with oil, naphtha and gasoline that the well was covered up with boards and abandoned as unfit for use.

One day, some time after the closing of the well, Neal B. Lovelace of Martin, Tenn., Jas. Owen of Bardwell, Ky., and Mr. Grinstead of Cairo, all traveling salesmen, accompanied by Matt Smith of Wickliffe, went around to look at the well and investigate the presence of gas. They sniffed around, without anything very unpleasant striking their olfactory nerves, and as a joke, little dreaming of danger, Mr. Smith lighted a match and threw it into the well, at the same time exclaiming, "Look out!" Instantly there was a flash, and flames burst from the well as from a volcano, severely burning Lovelace and Grinstead—the latter so seriously that his injuries kept him in the hospital at Cairo some five or six weeks, and at first it was feared that he would lose his eyesight, but fortunately escaped such a calamity.

Since the above incident the well bears a placard, "Dangerous." The water in this well is about ten feet deep, and contains a large per cent. of oil, benzine or gasoline, and other component parts of crude petroleum. An ordinary quinine bottle dropped into the well by a string, will, when drawn up, show a half inch or more of oil, benzine or gasoline on top of the water, while the water will be impregnated with oil. The liquid is clear and very inflammable, a string or piece of blotting paper dipped in it and burning with the rapidity and combustibility of the best gasoline.

Every particle of water and oil has several times been drawn from the well, which fills up in a few hours with water and the same per cent. of oil, gasoline or benzine.

Other Wells.

The Canning Company well is not the only one in the neighborhood which has been dug and abandoned on account of the water being highly impregnated with oil. In fact, there are but few wells in and around Wickliffe the water of which is fit to drink, and the municipality has just voted bonds for a system of waterworks, and open by the aid of artesian wells to soon have a bountiful supply of good pure water.

Burning Hill.

Another proof of oil, gas or coal, is what is known as "the burning hill" near Fort Jefferson, and not far from where the Mobile & Ohio Railroad Company struck the coal in digging their well. How the hill caught fire is not positively known, though it is supposed to have been ignited by burning woods. But some foreign substance in the hill caught fire and burned for eight months, flames and smoke issuing from the side of the hill.

Yellow Ochre.

Lining the banks of the little branches around Wickliffe there are immense deposits of yellow ochre, probably the purest ever found in the United States. Residents in the vicinity of these immense ochre

beds have taken it from the ground and with it painted their houses.

The ochre is of the finest quality, being remarkably free from grit or any foreign substance.

Lignite.

Along the branches and on the hillsides can also be found a fine quality of lignite. From the size of the lumps and the frequency with which it crops out, it would indicate that this valuable mineral could be found in inexhaustible quantities.

Lignite, as almost every one knows, is wood coal—fossil wood—generally of the tertiary period, converted into a kind of coal. It contains a larger proportion of hydrogen than wood does, and, if decomposition goes on, it discharges carburated hydrogen and becomes changed into common or bituminous coal.